

# DRAFT 2014-2015

## Fifth Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Fifth Annual Action Plan includes the SF 424 and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Date Submitted 5/15/14	Applicant Identifier	<b>Type of Submission</b>	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	<b>Application</b>	<b>Pre-application</b>
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	Construction	Construction
		Non Construction	Non Construction
<b>Applicant Information</b>			
<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>		DUNS #: 030381610	
City of Las Vegas, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor			
495 S. Main Street			
Las Vegas	Nevada		
89101	U.S.A.		
<b>Employer Identification Number (EIN):</b>			
<b>88-6000198</b>		7/1	
<b>Applicant Type:</b>		<b>Specify Other Type if necessary:</b>	
Local Government: Municipal			
<b>Program Funding</b>		<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
<b>Community Development Block Grant</b>		14.218 Entitlement Grant <b>CDBG</b>	
Capital, public services and administration		City of Las Vegas, Nevada	
\$4,624,463	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe ESG, HOPWA	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged \$9,604,307		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged \$400,179	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds \$10,004,487		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged \$2,000,000	
\$Anticipated Program Income \$350,000		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s) \$ \$22,088,970			
<b>Home Investment Partnerships Program</b>		14.239 HOME	
New Construction, Rehabilitation and Homeownership		City of Las Vegas, Nevada	
\$1,594,532	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe RDA, LIHTF How do you envision us leveraging CDBG with HOME? How much of each of these federal grants will we leverage with HOME?	
\$Additional Federal Funds \$10,188,758		\$Additional State Funds \$852,135	

\$Locally Leveraged Funds \$4,853,414?		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged \$50,	
\$Anticipated Program Income \$0		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s) \$15,944,307			
<b>Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS</b>		14.241 HOPWA	
Housing Assistance, Supportive Services and Administration		Clark County, NV (Las Vegas EMSA)	
\$1,133,597	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe Ryan White, COC	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged \$1,144,292	\$Additional State Funds Leveraged \$47,679		
\$Locally Leveraged Funds \$1,191,971	\$Grantee Funds Leveraged \$150,000		
\$Anticipated Program Income \$0.00	Reprogrammed Funds		
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s) \$2,533,942			
<b>Emergency Shelter Grants Program</b>		14.231 ESG	
Operations, Essential Services and Administration		City of Las Vegas, NV	
\$363,397	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe CDBG,	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged \$1,923,515	\$Additional State Funds Leveraged \$80,146		
\$Locally Leveraged Funds \$2,003,661	\$Grantee Funds Leveraged \$250,000		
\$Anticipated Program Income \$0.00	Other (Describe)		
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s) \$4,257,322			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts		Project Districts	
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.	Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE	
	No <b>X</b>	Program is not covered by EO 12372	
Yes	No <b>X</b>	N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review
Person to be contacted regarding this application			
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Signature of Authorized Representative			05/15/14

## **Executive Summary**

This Action Plan presents the housing and community development activities which will be undertaken by the city of Las Vegas (City) for the Federal Fiscal Year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (2014-2015). The Federal programs that primarily fund these activities include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The program goals include provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

Preparation of the 2014-2015 Action Plan included multiple opportunities for citizen input and comment. The City held one (1) public hearing for non-profit organizations, and government agencies regarding the allocation of federal funds. The draft 2014-2015 Action Plan was made available to the public through advertisement in the local newspaper on April 10, 2014- for a 30-day public review and comment period until May 12, 2014 (Attached). The draft plan was made available in print form at the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS). A public hearing to solicit public comments on the draft plan and approve the draft plan was held at the City Council meeting on May 7, 2014. The final plan will be available to the public on the City's website at [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov) and in print form at the Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS).

## **City of Las Vegas Vision**

A world-class, vibrant, affordable, economically and ethnically diverse, progressive city where citizens feel safe, enjoy their neighborhoods and access their city government.

## **City of Las Vegas Priorities**

1. Thriving & Sustainable Business Community
2. Safe & Healthy City
3. Comprehensive Fiscal Stewardship
4. Community Pride
5. Excellent Customer Service
6. Organizational Excellence

In support of the City's vision and priorities, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan include housing and community development activities which:

- Create more affordable rental and owner-occupied housing opportunities for its citizens; Support diverse, safe, sustainable and livable neighborhoods through improvements to housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and services;
- Provide public facilities and services that promote healthy lifestyles for the community ensuring access and availability to the disabled, homeless, low-income residents, seniors, and youth;
- Promote open government by providing its citizens with extensive public input and comment opportunities regarding the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan;
- Provide and Improve the city's affordable housing stock, public facilities, parks and infrastructure and provide a safe environment for City residents, businesses, and visitors; and
- Revitalize and invigorate the City's urban core and surrounding neighborhoods.

## **City of Las Vegas Available Resources**

The 2014-2015 Action Plan Federal funding sources, funding amounts and administrative expense limitations are shown in Table 1.

City of Las Vegas

Estimated Total Annual Federal Entitlement = \$7,715,989 (FY2014-2015)

CDBG (85% for CLV Programs, Projects, Admin)	\$3,930,794	\$4,624,463	\$7,715,989
CDBG (15% for Public Service)	\$693,669		
HOPWA (3% for Administrative Costs)	\$34,007	\$1,133,597	
HOPWA (97% for Public Service)	\$1,099,590		
ESG (7.5% for Administrative Costs)	\$27,254	\$363,397	
ESG (92.5% for Public Service)	\$336,143		
HOME (10% for Administrative Costs)	\$239,180	\$1,594,532	
HOME (90% for Projects)	\$1,355,352		

City of Las Vegas Programs, Projects, and Administration (NON-DISCRETIONARY) - Admin includes CLV program staff salaries, supplies, equipment, etc.				
FUNDING	APPLICANT			
CDBG	CLV - Single Family Rehab Prgm (Subrecipients)	All Wards	\$135,000	Administrative
CDBG	CLV - Bond Payments Stupak Community Center	All Wards	\$1,521,925	Administrative
CDBG	CLV - Future CIP Construction projects	All Wards	\$1,048,977	Administrative
CDBG	CLV - Code Enforcement (3 FTE Officer)	All Wards	\$300,000	Administrative
CDBG	CLV - Admin Costs (salaries for 12 FTE's)	All Wards	\$924,892	Administrative
HOPWA	CLV - Admin Costs (contributes to salaries)	All Wards	\$34,007	Administrative
ESG	CLV - Admin Costs (contributes to salaries)	All Wards	\$27,254	Administrative
HOME	CLV - Admin Costs (contributes to salaries)	All Wards	\$239,180	Administrative
		Totals	\$4,231,235	

FUNDING	APPLICANT	PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PRIORITY CATEGORY
HOME	Community Development Programs Center of Nevada	Laurelhurst Apartment - Proposal is the new construction of 60 one-bedroom apartments located on Westmoreland.	All Wards	\$2,100,000	Senior/Veterans Housing
HOME	Nevada H.A.N.D., Inc.	Vera Johnson Apartments B - Proposal is the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of 112 two and three-bedroom townhouses.	All Wards	\$1,000,000	Affordable Housing
HOME	Rebuilding Together	Veterans Home Repair – This activity would provide substantial home repair of up to \$50,000 per home for up to ten (10) Veteran owned households.	All Wards	\$550,000	Veterans Housing
			Total # of applicants 3	TOTALS	\$3,650,000

FUNDING	APPLICANT	PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PRIORITY CATEGORY
CDBG-PS	Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Inc.	Provide transportation and food pantry items to frail, elderly clients.	All Wards	\$29,100	SENIORS
CDBG-PS	Jewish Federation of LV - Senior Lifeline Prgm	Provide supportive services and homemaking to low income seniors to maintain independence.	All Wards	\$58,000	SENIORS
CDBG-PS	Three Square - Senior Share	Provide food boxes twice a month to seniors with specific health care issues such as Heart, Diabetes & Hypertension	All Wards	\$37,000	SENIORS
CDBG-PS	Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada - Event Day	Repair and rehabilitation of homes of low-income individuals and families. Operation funds.	All Wards	\$13,060	SENIORS
			Total # of applicants 6	TOTALS	\$137,160

FUNDING	APPLICANT	PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PRIORITY CATEGORY
CDBG-PS	Catholic Charities of Southern NV	Provide transportation, clothing, Sheriff and Health card for homeless to gain employment.	5	\$35,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	Family Promise - Case Management/Supportive Services	Provide case management to prevent homelessness.	All Wards	\$25,500	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	Goodwill Nevada	Provide job readiness and training skills to prevent homelessness.	All Wards	\$15,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	Nevada Health Centers	Provide homeless healthcare and outreach	All Wards	\$15,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES

CDBG-PS	S.A.F.E. House	Provide emergency shelter and assistance to victims of domestic violence.	All Wards	\$24,918	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	Salvation Army - Vocational Training Program	Provide emergency shelter and assistance to victims of domestic violence.	5	\$15,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	St. Judes Ranch for Children - NV Region	Provide housing and services to prevent homelessness. And counseling to high risk youth residing in transitional housing program.	5	\$40,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	United States Veterans Initiative	Supportive services for Veterans and their families to prevent homelessness.	5	\$48,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	WestCare - Community Triage Center	Increase beds from 36 to 48 for Community Triage Center for mental health and substance abuse issues for homeless.	All Wards	\$20,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
CDBG-PS	Women's Development Center - Transitional Housing	Transitional and affordable housing for homeless families with children, and for low and very low-income clients.	3 & 5	\$25,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
ESG	Catholic Charities of Southern NV	Provide rapid re-housing and case management in addition to shelter to prevent homelessness.	5	\$83,803	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
ESG	Salvation Army - Vocational Training Program	Provide rapid re-housing and case management in addition to shelter to prevent homelessness.	5	\$232,340	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
ESG	WestCare - Emergency Shelter	Provide emergency shelter to run away youth and homeless teens.	5	\$15,000	HOMELESS/DIRECT SERVICES
			Total # of Applicants 16	Totals	\$594,561

FUNDING	APPLICANT	PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PRIORITY CATEGORY
CDBG-PS	Blind Center of Nevada Inc. - Yes I Can Program	Visually impaired/blind adults will learn new life and job skills to increase self-sufficiency and opportunities for employment.	All Wards	\$47,500	SPECIAL NEEDS
CDBG-PS	Family and Child Treatment - Domestic Violence	Provide counseling to families who are victims of sexual assault, abuse or domestic violence.	All Wards	\$30,591	SPECIAL NEEDS
CDBG-PS	Foundation for Positively Kids, Inc. - Services for Special Needs Children	Provide respite and childcare vouchers for families with medically fragile children.	All Wards	\$15,000	SPECIAL NEEDS
HOPWA	Aid for AIDS of Nevada - AFAN Homeless Prevention Services	Provide short-term mortgage/rental/utility assistance and supportive services, and TBRA to clients with HIV/AIDS and their families.	All Wards	\$737,533	SPECIAL NEEDS
HOPWA	Community Counseling Center - HIV Supportive Services	Provide supportive services, including counseling and case management, for clients with dual diagnosis of mentally ill and HIV.	All Wards	\$50,000	SPECIAL NEEDS
HOPWA	Golden Rainbow	Housing facility operations, permanent housing placement and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS.	All Wards	\$90,000	SPECIAL NEEDS

HOPWA	HELP of Southern Nevada - ERS	Provide food, bus, and cab vouchers and case management to HIV/AIDS clients.	All Wards	\$107,057	SPECIAL NEEDS
HOPWA	Women's Development Center- HOPWA Housing Program	Affordable permanent housing and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS.	All Wards	\$115,000	SPECIAL NEEDS
			Total # of applicants 8	TOTALS	\$1,192,681

FUNDING	APPLICANT	PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION	WARD	TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PRIORITY CATEGORY
CDBG-PS	Boys & Girls Clubs of LV - College Bound	Provide a college prep and enrichment program for youth from grades 8-11 who are interested in attending college.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Boys Town	Provide group homes to homeless youth with emphasis on education and self sufficiency. - Lower score, not enough funds.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Clark County Law Foundation - Trial By Peers	Provide mock trials for first time youth offenders and training in all trial aspects for youth as peers.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Clark County Public Ed Foundation DBA The Public Education Foundation - Fam Literacy Prgm	Provide literacy program to youth and their parents.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Discovery Children's Museum - Youthworks	Work program for low income youth that offers job skills training and life skills.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Future Smiles - City of Las Vegas Dental Prgm.	Provide at-risk children with dental care. - Lower score, not enough funds.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Las Vegas Natural History Museum - Field Trips	Provide at-risk students with field trips to the museum.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation	Provide before and after school programs for children at their school.	All Wards	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Southern NV Public Television Vegas PBS - Ready to Learn	Provide literacy program to youth and their parents.	All Wards	\$20,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Spread the Word Nevada Kids to Kids - Youth and Family Literacy Program	Provide at risk students and their families with literacy program. At various at-risk schools in the city.	All Wards	\$25,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Variety Early Learning Center - Tuition Assistance	Provide low-income working parents with childcare scholarships to attend pre-school.	5	\$20,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
CDBG-PS	Sunrise Children's Foundation - HIPPY Prgm.	Provide at risk students and their families with in home pre-school program.	5	\$15,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Total # of Applicants: 14	TOTALS	\$200,000	YOUTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD
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Table 2 below lists the required Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside for the HOME program.

**Table 2 – CHDO Set-Aside for the HOME Program**

	HOME
2014-2015 Entitlement	\$1,594,532
Minimum CHDO Set-Aside Percentage	15%
Minimum CHDO Set-Aside Amount	<b>\$239,180</b>

Source: HUD, 2014

Table 3 below lists available matching funds for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG programs.

**Table 3 – Matching Funds Apps**

	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA	ESG	Total Funding
Other Federal Funds Leveraged	\$9,604,307	\$10,188,758	\$1,144,292	\$1,923,515	<b>\$22,860,872</b>
State of Nevada Funds Leveraged	\$400,179	\$852,135	\$47,679	\$80,146	<b>\$1,380,139</b>
CLV Grantee Funds Leveraged	\$2,000,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	<b>\$2,450,000</b>
Locally Leveraged Funds	\$10,004,487	\$4,853,414	\$1,191,971	\$2,003,661	<b>\$18,053,533</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,008,970</b>	<b>\$15,944,307</b>	<b>\$2,533,942</b>	<b>\$4,257,322</b>	<b>\$44,744,541</b>

Source: Estimates based on 2014-2015 City of Las Vegas Grant Applications, State of Nevada Estimated Allocations

Table 4 shows available State of Nevada matching funds for affordable housing projects.

**Table 4 - State of Nevada Matching Funds**

Funding Source	Activity	Amount
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) - 2014 Reservations	Affordable Special Needs, Family, and Senior Multi-family Housing Projects	\$2,000,000
Low-Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF)	Affordable Single and Multi-family Housing Projects	\$389,883
HOME Funds	Affordable Single and Multi-family Housing Projects	\$413,448
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,803,331</b>

Source: State of Nevada Housing Division, 2014

Table 5 shows City of Las Vegas Non-Federal matching funds for affordable housing projects.

**Table 5 – Anticipated City of Las Vegas Non-Federal Matching Funds**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Private Activity Bonds	Tax Exempt Bonds for Affordable Multi-family Housing Projects	\$31,262,971
Redevelopment Agency 9 Percent (%) Set-Aside for Affordable Housing	Affordable Single and Multi-family Housing Projects	\$6,000,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,262,971</b>

Source: State of Nevada projected allocations, City of Las Vegas Allocations, 2014

Table 6 below lists the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) estimated funding for FY 2014-2015.

**Table 6 – SNRHA**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Section 8 Program	Housing Choice Voucher Program / Designated Units	\$101,925,684
Low-Income Public Housing Program	Family / Senior / Designated Senior / Scattered Site Housing (Capital)	\$3,400,000
Affordable Housing Program	Non-Aided Affordable Housing Units	\$4,430,00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,755,684</b>

Source: Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority Agency

### **Leverage and Other Non-Federal Resources**

Federal funds (CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA) used by the City for housing and community development projects and programs leverage funding from the following private and non-federal public resources:

- Clark County (CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA)
- Foundations (CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA)
- General Obligation Bond (CDBG)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Private Activity Bonds
- Private Contributions
- Redevelopment Agency 9 Percent Set-Aside for Affordable Housing
- State of Nevada (HOME, LIHTF)

### **Affordable Housing Objectives and Outcomes**

Affordable housing activities for 2014-2015 include rental housing subsidies through Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs, new multi-family and single family acquisition/rehabilitation programs, and single family rehabilitation programs (NSP Programs).

The City of Las Vegas administers home repair programs operated by non-profit agencies. Non-profit agencies receive funding to administer down payment assistance programs through the NSP program, and TBRA programs.

In addition, the City continues to administer Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1 & NSP3) funds for the purpose of purchasing, rehabilitating and selling foreclosed homes and providing assistance with

down payment. Our non-profit partners provide the down payment assistance (closing costs or mortgage buy-down) to eligible homebuyers as well as operate a scattered site rental program through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) and as modified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

A key component of both NSP1 and NSP3 is the programmatic requirement that 25% of all funds must be utilized for households earning 50% AMI or less. Our currently approved Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing 2010-2015 indicates that parts of Ward 3 and Ward 5 are over saturated with affordable housing projects. We are utilizing NSP1 and NSP3 to provide scattered site housing (rental housing) in Wards 1, 2, 4 and 6 to accomplish a goal of producing affordable and safe housing outside the boundaries of high minority and low income concentrated areas. The housing objectives, which are consistent with the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, will expand the supply of affordable renter and owner housing for low-income and very low-income households.

### **Analysis of Impediments - Furthering Fair Housing**

The city of Las Vegas updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) in 2010. The entire AI is available at: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov).

Summary of Las Vegas Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

- Lack of Awareness about fair housing/reporting violations
- Lack of accessible housing/accessibility
- Discrimination
- Affordable Housing Concentration
- Lack of affordable housing

The state of fair housing in the City of Las Vegas exemplifies many positive aspects:

- In general, the key persons interviewed for this AI said that discrimination is not a major problem in the City; instead the major problem is a lack of affordable housing.
- The distribution of affordable rental and single family housing throughout Clark County tends to be relatively even. Although some areas have a disproportionate share of affordable housing stock, the disparity is not great.
- Survey respondents did not identify major problems with the equality of City services in the City.
- Most people feel that the City has been working hard to mitigate fair housing barriers and is doing a decent job.

Table 8 below identifies AI policies and objectives the city has initiated as a result of the 2010-2015 AI.

**Table 8 - City of Las Vegas Fair Housing Action Plan**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Objective</b>
Increase citizens' understanding of fair housing laws.	Implement a fair housing campaign targeted at the City's Hispanic or Latino, African American, families and disabled populations. Utilize radio, television, billboards/signage, and newspaper ads.
	Design and distribute fair housing materials to community centers, libraries, and social service providers.
	Maintain a portion of the City's website to fair housing, with a link to HUD's site that can be used to submit a fair housing complaint.
Improve landlords, property managers and Realtors knowledge of fair housing laws.	Implement an aggressive education and training program about fair housing issues for landlords and property managers.
	Provide fair housing regulations and educational material to the Greater Las Vegas Area Realtors Associations (GLVAR).
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Objective</b>
Reduce fair housing impediments for people with disabilities.	Dedicate funding to improve accessibility of the City for persons with disabilities. Specifically, continue to add curb cuts and improve the crosswalk signage in intersections that are often used by persons with disabilities.
	Dedicate funding to provide more accessible housing for persons with disabilities, through home modifications, rehabilitation, and new construction.
	Provide fair housing regulations and educational material to the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association as well as architectural and engineering professional associations to prevent fair housing violations early in the development process.
Work with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to ensure continued compliance with fair housing.	It is important that the City work with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to ensure that it is continuing to de-concentrate its public housing units to the extent possible and increase the number of units accessible to persons with disabilities.
Increase the City's role in fair housing.	Respondents to the fair housing survey suggested a stronger role for the city in mitigating fair housing. Although the San Francisco office of HUD receives and investigates fair housing complaints brought by Las Vegas residents, enforcement of Fair Housing Law is often more powerful and effective at the local level.
	Consider exploring the possibility of a joint agreement with other local government entities to support a local fair housing office including the hiring of a fair housing service provider using a portion of each entities federal entitlement grant funds.

	Maintain a portion of the city's website to fair housing, with a link to HUD's site that can be used to submit a fair housing complaint.
Better understand predatory lending problems and take actions to mitigate such activities if warranted.	The mail survey did not reveal that predatory lending activities were a major problem; however, interviews suggested that predatory lending is a growing concern in the City. The City should study the issue in more depth and determine if predatory lending is a significant problem.
Continue working with regional planning efforts to ensure an equitable distribution of affordable housing throughout the Greater Las Vegas Valley and improve regional public transit systems. Also, encourage the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission to put affordable housing and fair housing on their agenda.	

In 2013 the city of Las Vegas, along with Clark County, the city of North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Mesquite and the city of Henderson partnered with Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) to develop a Regional Analysis of Impediments. This document will identify the myriad of impediments faced by residents of Clark County as a whole and within each jurisdiction. It is anticipated that this analysis will be finalized in early 2015.

*The city of Las Vegas Housing Element, approved by city council in April 2013, addressed the current and prospective need for affordable housing in Las Vegas. The report concludes that the supply of affordable housing units in Las Vegas is adequate for households earning 100% AMI. The difficulty in the Las Vegas market at this time is the issue of credit worthiness and availability. Homes should remain affordable in the City for the foreseeable future given a reasonable rate of appreciation of 2 to 3 percent.*

By implementing the recommendations of the AI and utilizing the city's Housing Element the goal of maintaining attainable and maintainable affordable housing will be achieved.

#### **Homeless Prevention and Emergency Services Objectives and Outcomes**

The 2014-2015 Action Plan provides funding for the continued operation of emergency shelter providers. Please refer to Table 1.

The City will use its Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to assist three of our local shelter operators with their programs. Additionally, ESG funds will be used for Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention.

#### **Community Development Objectives and Outcomes**

The 2014-2015 Action Plan provides funding for several community development activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Public service funded programs include life skills, social services, and youth programs. Community development projects include sidewalk and ADA ramps and improvements and code enforcement activities.

Please refer to Table 1 above.

## Evaluation of Past Performance

The following is an evaluation of the 2013-2014 Action Plan compared with this 2014-2015 Action Plan. The housing, homeless, and community development needs tables are attachments within the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.

The 2012-2013 Housing activities for the City of Las Vegas included the following

- Allocated CDBG funding to two sub-recipients that rehabilitated or completed minor home repairs on 37 housing units.
- The City completed a total of 2 new construction housing units.
- Will need to continue working with housing developers to increase the percentage of housing units designated to serve the low and extremely low-income population.
- No projects were completed or underway to construct permanent affordable housing to serve persons with severe mental illness, drug/alcohol problems, developmental disabilities, and physical disabilities.
- Overall, 46 renter and owner households were assisted.
- For 2012-2013 Homeless activities for the City of Las Vegas failed to meet the goal of providing enough permanent housing for all of the homeless in the city of Las Vegas.
- Provided sufficient prevention services using Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing funds to prevent extremely low-income households who qualified from becoming homeless.
- Exceeded its goal in providing transitional housing and emergency shelter for homeless persons.
- Based on the goals, more support for the operations and maintenance of homeless facilities for homeless persons is needed.
- Exceeded its goal in providing food, employment, and transportation services for homeless persons.
- The ESG program leveraged a total of \$6,966,733 in matching private sector, City, County, State, and other Federal funds.
- Overall, the City had a total of over 7,418 homeless encounters and a total of \$126,178 in ESG funds was spent on homeless activities.

For 2012-2013 Community Development activities for the City of Las Vegas included the following:

- CDBG construction or improvement activities included street/sidewalk improvement project and a community park. The majority of public facilities and improvements met their one-year goals.
- Served a total of 10,486 youth.
- Served a total of 2,000 seniors.
- The total number of non-homeless persons with special needs served was 1,031.
- Overall, the total number of persons served with CDBG public services was 20,237.

## **General Questions**

### **1. Geographic Areas of the Jurisdiction**

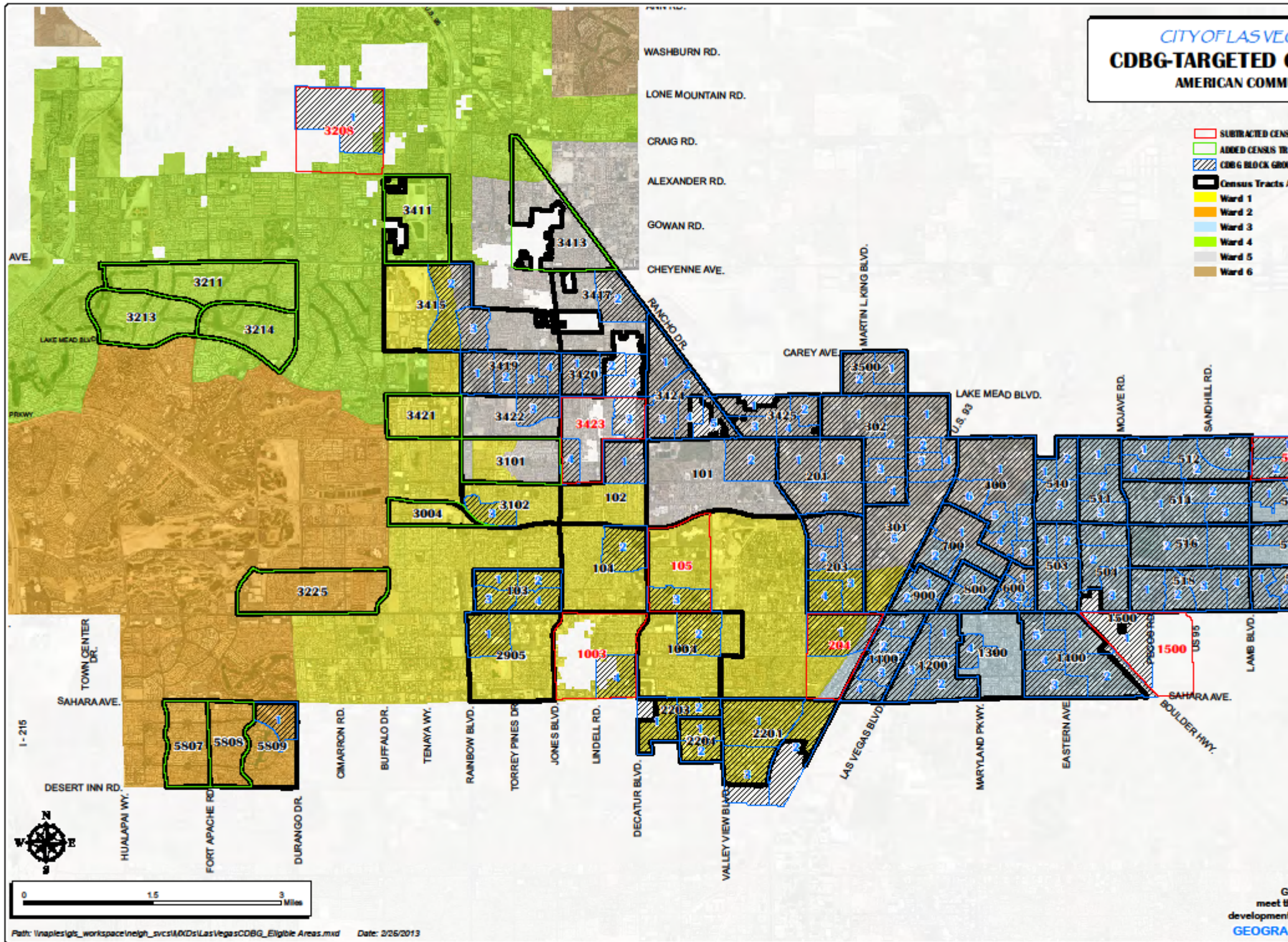
For geographic information about the City, please refer to the Consolidated Plan and City of Las Vegas Community Profile publication which may be downloaded from the City's website at:

<http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov>. Maps of the low and moderate-income and minority concentration areas are also included within the Consolidated Plan.

The following map shows the low and moderate-income areas of the city of Las Vegas that are eligible for CDBG, and HOME funding. Individuals who meet income eligibility limits for CDBG public service and HOME are eligible for grant services regardless of where they reside within the limits of the city of Las Vegas. Individuals who meet income eligibility limits for ESG and HOPWA are eligible for grant services regardless of where they reside within the limits of the Clark County, Nevada. The city of Las Vegas utilized the American Community Survey data to develop the attached map.

**Map 1 - City of Las Vegas Eligible Areas Map**







## **2. Basis for Allocation of Funding Geographically**

The basis for allocating the City's investments geographically occurs during the Request for Applications (RFA) process. The City distributes the grant applications for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA to eligible non-profit organizations. Included in each grant application package are copies of the Federal regulations pertinent to each program and a map showing the low and moderate-income CDBG targeted areas within the City (see Map 1). Grant applications must meet all City, State, and Federal regulations and must serve clients located within the City of Las Vegas, with the exception of HOPWA funds; which are available to eligible non-profit organizations that provide housing and services within Clark County, the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). While some CDBG projects are located outside the CDBG-eligible areas they are eligible as long as the project meets a national objective and is an eligible activity. For example, CDBG funds may be used to support a project that benefits a low-mod income limited clientele such as the disabled regardless of the location.

## **3. Meeting Underserved Needs**

According to the Consolidated Plan, extremely low- and low-income households (30% to 80% AMI) of all types are underserved with respect to affordable housing. In order to overcome this gap, the City has included strategies to provide additional affordable rental and owner housing opportunities. This Action Plan includes projects that will fund the acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of rental and owner housing units using federal funds to leverage state and private funding sources. According to the Consolidated Plan, senior and special needs housing and services are also underserved needs in the community. Projects serving senior and special needs housing and services are included in this Action Plan. Low and moderate-income persons are underserved in the areas of affordable childcare, employment opportunities, job training, youth activities, life skills, and social services. All public service programs included in this Action Plan address these underserved needs of low and moderate-income persons. The city's Housing Element Report also identifies the need for housing affordable to those below 80% AMI.

## **Managing the Process**

### **1. Lead Agency**

The City of Las Vegas, a HUD entitlement grantee, is the lead agency for administering programs and projects covered by the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and 2014-2015 Action Plan. PRNS administers these programs and projects. Other city departments involved in these programs and projects include Building and Safety, Business Development, City Attorney's Office, Field Operations, Finance and Business Services, Planning and Development, and Public Works. The City allocates CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA funding to over thirty-two different non-profit organizations. For a list of the organizations that will receive funding for this program year, please refer to Table #1.

### **2. Grant Funds Application and Action Plan Development Process**

The city of Las Vegas utilizes two separate Request For Application (RFA) processes to aid in the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, principally for persons of very low, low and moderate income. Funding will be provided through the HUD CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA programs. The city partners with non-profit agencies to assist in providing housing and community development

activities, including public services. The city utilizes Zoomgrants, an online application process.

The Community Development Recommending Board (CDRB) is a 13 member citizen's advisory group, appointed by the City Council. CDRB members represent target neighborhoods and populations. The CDRB recommends to the City Council funding for the housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects that most effectively and efficiently meet community needs. All CDRB meetings are posted in public locations and open to the public.

HOME funding allocations did not go through the CDRB process. Community Development utilizes an internal selection and review process to determine funding awards. The review team consists of city staff from Public Works Department- Architectural Services, Planning and Development Department, Finance Department, Economic and the Urban Development Department. Three (3) agencies were selected to receive 2014-2015 HOME funds (please refer to Table 1 above).

Planning activities adhere to the following steps:

Step 1 -Dissemination of Grant Funds information to agencies and individuals.

Step 2 -Identification of community development issues, needs, and concerns.

Step 3 - Formulation of community development goals and preliminary strategies.

Step 4 -Submission of project applications.

Step 5 -Project selection: Review of project applications by CDRB and staff, project recommendations of CDRB to the Las Vegas City Council, Public hearing before the Las Vegas City Council and final selection of projects for application submission to HUD.

### **3. Action Plan Amendments**

Action Plan Amendments will be done for all new projects and activities that are not identified in this Action Plan. All identified construction projects that receive additional funding less than \$500,000 will not be subject to the Action Plan Amendment Process. All CDBG, ESG and HOWPA projects that receive additional funding less than \$50,000 will not be subject to the Action Plan Amendment Process.

### **Citizen Participation**

Seven application workshops were held to provide technical assistance for non-profit organizations. Five CDRB meetings were held for the allocation of CDBG, ESG and HOPWA funds. Applicants are allowed to present their projects to the CDRB for five minutes. This is followed by five minutes of questions by CDRB members of applicants, including their projects. After all of the applicants have made their presentations, the CDRB recommends projects for funding.

For more details on the 2014-2015 program year public input process, see Table 9 below.

**Table 9 – Action Plan Citizen Participation Schedule –**

ACTION	DATE
Applications Release Date	December 2, 2013
Application Workshop First Time Applicants	December 2, 2013 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Application Workshop First Time Applicants	December 2, 2013 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Application Workshop ESG	December 2, 2013 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Application Workshop CDBG PS Returning Applicants	December 2, 2013 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Application Workshop First Time Applicants	December 11, 2013 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Application Workshop First Time Applicants	December 11, 2013 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Application Workshop CDBG PS Returning Applicants	December 11, 2013
Applications Due Date	January 8, 2014 3:00 p.m.
Minimum Requirements Review	January 2014
CDBG, ESG & HOPWA Presentations to CDRB	February/March 2014
CDBG, ESG & HOPWA Recommendations CDRB	March 2014
City Council Approval of CDRB Recommendations (Public Hearing)	April 2, 2014
CLV Agreement Process	Begins after City Council Approval
Fiscal Year begins	July 1, 2014
Fiscal Year ends	June 30, 2015

Source: 2014-2015 CDRB Process

### Development of the Action Plan

The City gathered information from the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority regarding public housing. The City worked closely with Clark County, City of Henderson, and City of North Las Vegas regarding the regional homeless plan to gather information for the homeless section of this plan. The plans and reports with website addresses used as references in drafting and completing this Action Plan are:

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Las Vegas, BBC Research and Consulting – 2010 Currently available on the City's website.
- Analysis of the Las Vegas, Nevada Housing Market, HUD – 2009, [http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/CMAR\\_VegasNV.pdf](http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/CMAR_VegasNV.pdf).
- Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, City of Las Vegas – 2014-2018 [http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search\\_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptptwxly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=five+year+capital+improvement+plan&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=14189j12900543j36](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptptwxly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=five+year+capital+improvement+plan&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=14189j12900543j36).

- Five-Year Plan of the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas – 2008, <http://snvrha.org/>
- FY 2005-2009 Clark County Consolidated Plan, 2010-2014  
[http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/admin\\_services/comresmgmt/Projects/Pages/CDBG5-YearPlan.aspx](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/admin_services/comresmgmt/Projects/Pages/CDBG5-YearPlan.aspx)
- Homes for Homeless Nevadans 10 Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness, City of Las Vegas – 2006  
[http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search\\_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptpztwly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=Homeless+10+year+plan&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=9501j8120145j26](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptpztwly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=Homeless+10+year+plan&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=9501j8120145j26)
- Master Plan 2020 Policy Document, Housing Element, City of Las Vegas  
[http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search\\_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptpztwly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=housing+element&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=3204j856614j15](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Search/search_results.htm?cx=008847788064723652611%3Aptpztwly1q&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=housing+element&siteurl=www.lasvegasnevada.gov%2F&ref=&ss=3204j856614j15)
- Nevada Special Needs Housing Assessment, State of Nevada,  
<http://housing.nv.gov/search.aspx?q=special%20needs&t=site>
- Nevada Housing Development Apartment Facts, State of Nevada – 2012  
<http://housing.nv.gov/search.aspx?q=apartment%20facts&t=site>
- Southern Nevada Community Assessment, United Way and Nevada Community Foundation  
[http://www.uwsn.org/uploads/community\\_assessment/Southern%20Nevada%20Community%20Assessment%20%20070626.pdf](http://www.uwsn.org/uploads/community_assessment/Southern%20Nevada%20Community%20Assessment%20%20070626.pdf)

## **Enhance Agency Coordination**

The City continues to meet with Clark County, City of Henderson, and the City of North Las Vegas on a quarterly basis to discuss issues relating to CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA, and Homeless projects. The discussions include joint projects, coordination of grant application cycles, consolidated plan updates, new project grand openings, new HUD program requirements, and other issues. The City works closely with Clark County and other local jurisdictions to ensure coordination of strategies and projects within the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

### **1. Citizen Participation Process Summary**

Public hearings are the primary means by which individual citizens are able to provide input into the City of Las Vegas Grant Programs.

Public hearings continue to be the prime vehicle for eliciting public input. Public hearings will be held by the Las Vegas City Council for the purpose of formal presentation and/or adoption of the City's Federally Funded projects or programs and to hear citizen testimony.

All CDRB meetings are posted in public locations and open to the public.

### **2. Public Comments Received**

NONE.

### **3. Efforts to Broaden Participation**

See the Citizen Participation Plan Section on pages 18-23 of the Consolidated Plan.

### **4. Public Comments Not Accepted**

NONE.

#### **1. Actions to Develop Institutional Structure**

PRNS is responsible for the administration of the Action Plan. The department administers the grant programs and allocates funding to both non-profit and for-profit organizations for their programs and projects. In the next program year, the department will continue existing partnerships and work to establish new partnerships with for-profit and non-profit organizations to address the City's housing and community development needs.

The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) is an organization that brings together all public jurisdictions, including the City, to coordinate policies and programs dealing with regional quality of life issues. These issues include air quality, homelessness, housing, population growth, public facilities, transportation, and water. PRNS, along with the city's Economic and Urban Development [will continue to participate in the SNRPC workforce housing and homeless committee meetings

The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) is the public housing agency for the City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson and Clark County. The SNRHA is currently providing assisted housing for more than 17,000 low and moderate-income family members. The SNRHA consists of federally funded family developments, senior housing, scattered site housing, affordable housing units, and Section 8 housing choice vouchers.

#### **1. Monitoring of Housing and Community Development Projects**

Included in each of the City's subrecipient agreements is an "on-site monitoring" section. It stipulates that the program under the agreement will be subject to "on-site monitoring" by a City or HUD representative on a 24-hour notice during normal working hours. It also states that the representatives shall be granted access to all records pertaining to the Program. Representatives may, on occasion, request to interview program recipients who volunteer to be interviewed.

An additional section of the subrecipient agreement addresses access to records. It states that at any time during normal business hours, City or HUD representatives shall make the subrecipients' records, with respect to matters covered by the agreement available for audit, examination, and review. To ensure consistent and equitable monitoring, a monitoring procedures manual has been developed which includes a monitoring form (checklist) developed in compliance with federal regulations for use when staff conducts its visits to the agency or project site. This form addresses all the required certifications, insurance, legal documents, environmental review and is used to conduct a random sampling to confirm eligibility of clients, and that appropriate documentation of such is in their files. If the agency has any grant-funded employees, payroll tax returns and W-2's are checked to make sure they were completed and submitted to the IRS.

## **1. Evaluation and Reduction of Housing Units with Lead-based Paint Hazards**

To receive direct housing assistance, the City requires that all housing units built prior to 1978 be inspected for lead-based paint hazards. The City's subrecipient agreements are subject to the regulations described in 24 CFR Part 35, prohibiting the use of lead-based paint in residential structures constructed or rehabilitated with assistance provided, notification of hazards of lead-based paint poisoning and elimination of lead-based paint hazards. The City's subrecipients must utilize a certified clearance technician to make a visual assessment and certify clearance examination for all properties built prior to 1978. The City utilizes an XRF Analyzer for lead-based paint testing.

## **1. Housing Priorities and Specific Objectives**

Please refer to Table 1.

## **2. Available Resources to Address Housing Needs**

The City plans to use CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA funds to support housing activities for 2014-2015. Please refer to Table 1.

## **Needs of Public Housing**

### **1. Public Housing Needs and Activities**

#### **Actions to Foster Public Housing Improvements**

The SNRHA, an Accredited Management Organization, has a housing inventory which includes 19 conventional public housing developments. These units are owned and managed by the Housing Authority. Additionally, the Housing Authority owns and manages several scattered site properties (single-family homes) which are also part of the conventional public housing program. Of the 19 developments, 5 are designated senior developments, 5 are designated as elderly/disabled developments and 9 are designated as family developments. The SNRHA currently provides 2,870 public housing units to 7,606 residents under the conventional public housing program. The SNRHA also administers some 10,094 Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) that allow families to rent in the private market and receive a subsidy towards their rent. The SNRHA maintains another 1024 Affordable Housing units which includes a multitude of scattered site properties under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1. In addition, the SNRHA owns a 60-unit public housing tax credit development called Otto Merida Desert Villas.

The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority has an annual budget of \$137 million and has received approximately \$20 million in ARRA funds.

In an effort to move public housing residents up the economic scale, the SNRHA participates in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Under this program, public housing residents and Section 8- Housing Choice Voucher participant are provided the means, through the coordination of public and private resources and supportive services, to becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. Supportive services required to achieve self-sufficiency are based on individual family needs and may include child care, transportation, education, job training, preparation, and counseling, substance/alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, life skills training and homeownership counseling.



Thousands remain on the Section 8 –Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing waiting lists.

Assisted housing is housing that receives some form of federal, state or local financial assistance. This includes grants, loans, low-income housing tax credits, and industrial development revenue bonds. Assisted housing can be project based, where the housing unit itself is subsidized, or tenant based, where the assistance is given directly to the tenant who is then responsible for finding housing in the private market. Assisted housing includes the traditional public housing units that are funded by HUD as well as housing units that are managed by non-profit groups. In recent years, the Housing Authorities have expanded their parameters to serve people up to 80% of area median income, making housing for people at 30% of area median income increasingly scarce as housing authority units are rented to those over 30% of area median income.

Rehabilitation needs are primarily funded using the Capital Fund. Physical improvements are planned or underway at several sites such as Levy Gardens, James Down Towers, Espinoza Terrace, Landsman Gardens and Vera B. Johnson. There are plans to convert unit in several properties to provide wheelchair, hearing and visual accessibility.

The results of the recent physical needs assessment indicate that the physical conditions of certain developments are in need of considerable improvements. The majorities of these properties are over thirty years old and are in need of comprehensive modernization. The Capital Fund Program/modernization funding has experienced significant cuts in the last three years. The physical needs assessment indicates a significant funding need in order to ensure the public housing developments remain a viable housing option for low-income persons.

## **2. Housing Authority Performance**

Not Applicable.

## **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

### **1. Actions to Remove Barriers to Affordable Housing**

The City plans to undertake the following actions during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- Assist affordable housing developers with the development process and how to obtain project building permits in a timely manner;
- Continue to participate in the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) workforce housing and homeless committee meetings;
- Continue to partner with community non-profit and for-profit housing developers;
- Explore incentives for developers of affordable housing such as density bonus, development fee waivers, and property tax abatements for a specified period of time;
- Explore partnership opportunities with the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association (SNHBA);
- Explore the creation of an inventory of existing real estate sites, including any potential development problems, and market these sites for affordable housing development;
- Explore using tax increment financing for infrastructure improvements and other site improvements in redevelopment areas to help attract developers to build affordable housing;



- Improve public infrastructure, facilities, parks, and safety in CDBG target areas to attract more affordable housing development;

## **HOME Down Payment Assistance**

**Note: The city of Las Vegas does not utilize its HOME funds for down payment assistance, however, the city does utilize if NSP funds for down payment assistance.**

### **1. Other Forms of Investment not Described in 24 CFR 92.205(b)**

The City does not plan to use other forms of investment not described in 24 CFR 92.205(b).

### **2. Resale/Recapture Guidelines for HOME Funds**

The City currently uses the recapture method for HOME funds for homeownership. The City uses the resale method for multi-family projects. According to 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(5), the City may use either resale or recapture requirements on properties sold or refinanced that were assisted with HOME funds. The City uses recapture requirements for homebuyer and homeowner rehabilitation assistance projects with HOME funds. According to CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(3), the City may recapture all or part of the HOME funding if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability or if the homebuyer goes into foreclosure. The amount of HOME funds recaptured will depend upon the net proceeds obtained through the foreclosure or when the housing no longer was the principal residence of the family that was assisted.

The State of Nevada's Housing Division currently imposes a 20-year affordability period for any affordable housing project funded with HOME funds that it receives from HUD (State HOME funds). The State of Nevada has imposed a 30-year affordability requirement for LIHTF-assisted projects.

### **3. Refinancing Guidelines**

The City does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds.

## **HOMELESS**

### **Specific Homeless Prevention Elements**

#### **1. Sources of Funds**

The City of Las Vegas plans to use a total of \$594,561 in Federal funds for a range of programs that help address homelessness. This includes CDBG and ESG funds. These programs will be utilized by local non-profit organizations that provide assistance to homeless persons, homeless families, and help to prevent homelessness.

The City plans to address the specific objectives of the strategic plan and priority needs through several programs that help to address homelessness. Please refer to Table 1 for a project description, specific objective, performance measure, and outcome of each proposed program that addresses homelessness.

The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) Committee on Homeless (CoH) is the governing body for the all homeless services and activities in the Southern Nevada Region. The SNRPC CoH is responsible for: the development and biannual evaluation of a regional homeless plan; yearly strategic and implementation planning; the annual homeless census; regional coordination; inclement weather shelter; HMIS; system evaluation, HEARTH Act implementation and Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (SNCoC) activities. CLV is a member of the SNRPC CoH and SNCoC and has been a part of developing and implementing the “Help Hope Home: Southern Nevada’s Regional Plan to End Homelessness”. The Plan includes strategies, action steps, and outcomes for ending homelessness in Southern Nevada. For more information, please refer to the plan on the regional homeless website which is available online at

<http://www.helphopehome.org/index.html>

There are several challenges addressing homelessness. 1. Chronically homeless individuals with mental illness or addictions sometimes opt to live in unstructured environments and often refuse assistance. 2. There is a greater need for treatment services for the mentally ill and substance abuse homeless subpopulations due to the increased population; however, there are not enough services to meet the demand. For additional potential obstacles for the Las Vegas community, please refer to the SNCoC plan online at <http://helphopehome.org/>

CLV supports the regional plan and includes the following SNCoC Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives in the CLV plan:

Objective 1: Increase progress towards ending chronic homelessness

Objective 2: Increase housing stability

Objective 3: Increase project participants income

Objective 4: Increase the number of participants obtaining mainstream benefits

Objective 5: Using rapid re-housing as a method to reduce family homelessness

## **2. Chronic Homelessness**

The CoH also over sees the Continuum of Care (CoC) funds where a majority of these funds are targeted to end chronic homelessness. For the regional action steps related to chronic homelessness, please refer to the COC Plan which is available online <http://helphopehome.org/>.

Barriers include the fact that available resources for the Homeless are not enough to sustain the increased demand by the homeless population for the assistance, services, and shelter beds. Increased housing costs have decreased the supply of permanent affordable housing units for those households making the transition to permanent housing.

## **3. Homelessness Prevention –**

Las Vegas’ challenges are particularly acute as it is home to both the highest unemployment and foreclosure rates in the nation. Increased prevention assistance is critical to meet the growing demand. Over the next year, CLV is planning to leverage

and fund several programs that provide assistance to individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. Homeless prevention activities include tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent and utility assistance, emergency food and resources assistance, transportation assistance, and other essential services.

CLV's action steps are stated in the Homeless Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan. Please also refer to the regional action steps related to homelessness prevention; please refer to the regional Implementation Plan which is available online at <http://helphopehome.org>.

#### **4. Discharge Coordination Policy**

CLV will continue to work with Clark County and the State of Nevada on the community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy. For more information, please refer to the regional discharge coordination portion in the SNCOC Plan which is available online <http://www.helphopehome.org/>.

#### **Emergency Solution Grants (ESG)**

CLV will continue to utilize its ESG funds to provide emergency shelter, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing activities and administrative dollars for eligible costs. HMIS costs in the FY 12/13 Action Plan are to be used over a period of two years.

The ESG allocation to the CLV for FY13/14 is \$363,397. The CLV will allocate funding through a formal application process with the budget priorities outlined below:

\$211,143	Rapid Re-housing Activities
\$ 75,000	Emergency Shelter Operations
\$ 45,000	Homelessness Prevention Activities
\$ 5,000	HMIS
\$ 27,254	Administrative Costs

The following is a description for each of the activities and CLV's specific percentages and dollar figures for each category.

1. ***Rapid Re-housing:*** The goal is to help homeless individuals and families who are literally homeless, living on the streets or in an emergency shelter, transition as quickly as possible into permanent housing and then help them achieve stability in that housing. The assistance would include moving costs, rental application fees, security deposit, last month's rent and utility deposits/payments. Services would include housing search and placement, case management. Activities include the provision of housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are literally homeless. For FY 14/15, CLV proposes to spend \$211,143 which is 58% of the total ESG budget.

2. **Emergency Shelter:** The purpose is to provide funding for essential services to individuals and families in emergency shelters, renovate buildings to be used as emergency shelters, and operating emergency shelters. Staff costs to operate related activities are also eligible. For FY 14/15, CLV proposes to spend \$75,000 which is 21% of the total ESG budget.
3. **Homelessness Prevention:** The goal is to assist extremely low-income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless (who are at or below 30% of AMI) and is moving into an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation. The assistance would include moving costs, rental application fees, security deposit, last month's rent, utility deposits and/or payments. Services would include housing search, placement and case management. Other activities include the provision of short and medium-term rental assistance. For FY 14/15, CLV proposes to spend \$45,000 which is 12% of the total ESG budget.
4. **HMIS:** The purpose is to provide funding to ensure HMIS is in compliance with ESG requirements and provides for its intended use.

CLV also plans to use \$27,254 which is 7% of the total budget and the maximum allowed under the new regulations for ESG FY 14/15 grant for administrative costs relative to the planning and execution of ESG activities. These costs include the overall costs of program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation; and training on ESG requirements. For FY 14/15, CLV will not spend any ESG funds on outreach but will fund this activity from another funding source so that more funds can be used in the rapid rehousing and prevention categories.

#### **Funding Priorities –**

CLV proposes to provide four of the five allowable activities. CLV prioritized rapid rehousing over the other components based on a current gaps analysis and community assessment study, apparent need and many other reports. The current emergency shelter system needs to be maintained to continue to provide for individuals falling into homelessness so that they are not out on the streets. However, the SNCoC is working to provide more homeless prevention activities and develop a rapid re-housing system. The Office of Regional Initiatives and Community Resources Management Division staff are working with shelters and transitional housing providers to see if any of their programs can be reconfigured to provide permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing sites. Both are also working to better coordinate with Rapid Re-housing providers to link to programs that reduce average times in shelter.

As the federal government is strongly encouraging grantees to emphasize the rapid rehousing component, the Federal Plan to end chronic homelessness, and the limited amount of funding available, CLV is continuously working with regional efforts to develop its rapid re-housing system.

## Community Development

### 1. Community Development Priority Needs

The City's priority non-housing community development activities for the public facilities and improvements category are identified in Table 10 below.

**Table 10 - Public Facilities and Improvements Activities FY 2014-2015**

Construction / Improvement Projects	Amount	Funding Source	Proposed # served
Arville-Hinson Sidewalk Project	\$2,200,000	CDBG	Multiple sites
CLV Stupak Community Center Bond Payment	\$1,518,625	CDBG	1
CLV Preservation Code Enforcement Officer (3 FTE)	\$300,000	CDBG	3

### 2. Community Development Objectives

The City will address the specific objectives of the strategic plan and priority needs through several community development programs and projects. Table 10 above shows the community development activities, accomplishment types and goals that the City is proposing to complete in 2014-2015 by funding source.

#### 1. Antipoverty Strategy

The City plans to fund several programs and projects with CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA funds that will benefit poverty level families in the City of Las Vegas (family of four at or below \$23,850, US Department of Health and Human Service - <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>). The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) plans to fund programs that provide housing assistance to poverty level families within the City of Las Vegas. The City plans to continue to partner with local non-profit organizations, College of Southern Nevada, University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), local jurisdictions, Clark County, State of Nevada, and the private sector on programs and projects that create new jobs, provide job training, job placement, workforce development, and educational opportunities. The City plans to fund the programs and projects that provide assistance to and benefit poverty level families.

#### 1. Non-Homeless Special Needs Priorities and Objectives

Programs and projects that will benefit the non-homeless special needs populations are all high priority needs.

Please refer to Table 1 for a project description for special needs category.

#### 2. Non-Homeless Special Needs Resources

The City's housing and community development activities and resources for non-homeless special needs populations are included in the housing, homeless, and community development sections and projects designated for FY 14/15 are included in Table 1. The City is always looking for agencies to partner with to offer services to special needs clients.

## **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOWPA)**

### **1. Las Vegas HOPWA Project Sponsors**

#### **Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN)**

Organization Description: AFAN has been in operation since 1984. AFAN's mission is to provide support and advocacy for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS in an environment of understanding, compassion, and acceptance. Activities: HOPWA funds are utilized primarily to prevent homelessness amongst HIV positive, disabled persons who are pending Social Security Disability (SSD). Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance and supportive services are provided to prevent homelessness. Housing Placement Coordinator provides housing placement, resource identification and information. Tenant based rental assistance is provided through the Parent and Me and Singles program for HIV/AIDS clients and their families. AFAN has also added twenty (20) permanent affordable housing units to their program. Area of Service: Clark County EMSA  
Program Contact: Antioco Carrillo, Executive Director

#### **Community Counseling Center**

Organization Description: Community Counseling Center has been in existence since 1990. Community Counseling Center is providing services to local residents in the areas of substance abuse, mental health intervention, family therapy, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and transitional housing. Activities: Provide supportive services including mental health services, case management, and counseling to qualified persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Area of Service: Clark County EMSA Program Contact: Ron Lawrence, Executive Director

#### **Golden Rainbow**

Organization Description: Golden Rainbow is a grass roots organization that was founded in 1987 by members of the entertainment industry who saw the need to provide housing for people with HIV/AIDS. Golden Rainbow provides housing and direct financial assistance to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Nevada. Activities: Provide emergency assistance for rent, essential utilities and supportive services to qualified persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Provide housing operations and supportive services of ten (10) permanent housing units. Area of Service: Clark County EMSA Program Contact: Lea Clayville, Executive Director

#### **HELP of Southern Nevada**

Organization Description: HELP of Southern Nevada was founded in 1970. HELP of Southern Nevada's mission is to serve with care and assist families and individuals throughout Southern Nevada to overcome barriers and attain self-sufficiency through direct services, training, and referral to community resources. Activities: Provide food vouchers through HOPWA funding, as well as bus tokens, personal hygiene items and housing information funded through other grants. Maintain an affordable housing database and website for HIV/AIDS clients and the agencies that serve them. Area of Service: Clark County EMSA Program Contact: Terrie Stanfill-D'Antonio, Executive Director

#### **Women's Development Center**

Organization Description: Women's Development Center (WDC) was founded in 1987. WDC is committed to providing opportunities to economically disadvantaged families to secure transitional, permanent rental housing and home ownership. WDC also provides



supportive services to families to attain long-term self-sufficiency and combat “the cycle of poverty”. Activities: Provides housing operations, project-based rental assistance and supportive services for HIV/AIDS clients and their families. Area of Service: Clark County EMSA Program Contact: Tina Prieto, Executive Director

## 2. Report on Actions Taken to Address Special Needs

Please refer to the most recent CAPER for the City of Las Vegas. [www.lasvegas.gov](http://www.lasvegas.gov).

## 3. Evaluation of Affordable Housing Progress

Please refer to the most recent CAPER for the City of Las Vegas. [www.lasvegas.gov](http://www.lasvegas.gov).

## 4. Report on HOPWA Accomplishments

Please refer to the most recent CAPER for the City of Las Vegas. [www.lasvegas.gov](http://www.lasvegas.gov).

## 5. Public and Private Resources Leveraged

Las Vegas HOPWA project sponsors have funding resources for their HOPWA projects from a range of funding sources. Table 11 below lists the amount of public and private resources leveraged for each HOPWA Project Sponsor. Some of these funds are proposed and not committed at the time of application, and were therefore not counted in the previous sections discussing leveraging, thus the reason for the difference.

Does Table 11 need to be updated?

**Table 11 - Resources Leveraged by HOPWA Projects**

Organization / Project		Amount Leveraged
	Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) – Supportive Services	\$1,502,597
	AFAN – Short-term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance and Supportive Services	
	AFAN – Parent and Me Program	
	AFAN – Permanent Housing Program	
	Community Counseling Center – HIV Supportive Svcs.	\$164,400
	Golden Rainbow – Living with AIDS Program	\$253,221
	HELP of Southern Nevada – Food Vouchers	\$392,943
	Women’s Development Center – HOPWA Housing	\$70,781

## 6. Geographic Distribution of Funds

Project sponsor offices and housing units are located throughout the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area. Project sponsors provide assistance to clients that live within the Clark County EMSA, including City of Las Vegas, Clark County, City of North Las Vegas, and City of Henderson. HOPWA housing activities include project sponsor owned housing units for operations and maintenance, project-based and tenant-based rental assistance, short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and housing information and placement services.

## **7. Barriers Encountered and Actions in Response**

Barriers Encountered include:

- Expensive land to build affordable housing for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Lack of availability of properties that can be rehabilitated near hospital and medical facilities for affordable housing for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Lack of housing development experience among HOPWA service providers
- Limited amount of available resources to provide housing assistance and supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Lack of community support and NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard) towards special needs housing

For more information on barriers encountered by persons with HIV/AIDS, please refer to the Las Vegas EMA Ryan White Title I Planning Council Comprehensive Care Plan, which is available on their website at

[:http://www.lasvegasema.org/planningcouncil/needsandcare.html](http://www.lasvegasema.org/planningcouncil/needsandcare.html) and in print form at the Ryan White Title I Planning Council Office, 333 N Rancho Drive, Suite 390, Las Vegas, NV 89106, or call (702) 933-9603.

Actions in Response to Barriers / Recommendations for Program Improvement include:

- Provide technical assistance as needed to HOPWA service providers
- HOPWA service providers are meeting on a regular basis to avoid duplication of services and to track their clients
- Seek additional funding resources for affordable housing projects and supportive services
- HOPWA project sponsors are increasing the number of special fundraising events and are getting the private sector involved to help fund their programs and projects
- For more information on the City's actions in response to barriers and recommendations, please refer to the most recent HOWPA CAPER for the City of Las Vegas. [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov)

I assume that this section still needs to be updated??

## **8. Community Trends**

According to the Ryan White Transitional Grant Area (TGA) Planning Council 2013 Needs Assessment (TGA), there were 3,519 individuals with HIV and 3,842 individuals with AIDS in Clark County as of December 2012. The number of new diagnoses of HIV was 341 individuals in 2012 and AIDS was 203. The total living with HIV/AIDS in Clark County is 7,361, 83% are male and 17% are female.

According to HOPWA project sponsors, the number of new clients with HIV/AIDS and their families seeking assistance is increasing every month. HOPWA project sponsors are seeking additional HOPWA and other funding sources to meet this increasing demand of the HIV/AIDS population in Clark County. Despite the decreasing availability of funding, HOPWA projects sponsors will continue to work diligently to meet their program's annual performance measures.



For additional community trends information, please refer to the 2010-2015 City of Las Vegas Consolidated Plan and the Las Vegas EMA Ryan White Title I Planning Council Comprehensive Care Plan which is available in print form at the Ryan White Title I Planning Council Office, 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 1125, Las Vegas, NV 89109, or call (702) 933-9603, or electronically at [www.lasvegasema.org/supportingdocuments.html](http://www.lasvegasema.org/supportingdocuments.html).

## **9. Evaluations, Studies, and Assessments**

The City will continue to monitor all HOPWA project sponsors for program compliance and study performance measures, outputs, and outcomes. No additional evaluations, studies, and/or assessments of the HOPWA program are planned for the next program year.

### **Specific HOPWA Objectives**

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Program Year5 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

The City plans to allocate HOPWA funds to several projects that provide housing assistance and supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Please refer to Table 1 for a project description of each proposed HOPWA project.

Attachment 1 - Consolidated Plan : The Tipping Point - Homeownership Affordability

Clark County Area Median Income (AMI) = \$65,400*								
Percent of MFI	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Hourly Wage	Maximum Affordable Monthly Mortgage Payment**	Maximum Total Mortgage	Maximum Affordable Sales Price	Can Afford Median Metro Las Vegas Existing Home of \$124,000?	Can Afford Median Metro Las Vegas New Home of \$209,000?
10%	6,390	533	3.07	160	20,116	21,400	No	No
20%	12,780	1,065	6.14	320	40,138	42,700	No	No
30%	19,170	1,598	9.22	479	60,066	63,900	No	No
<b>HUD 30%</b>	19,150	1,596	9.21	479	60,066	63,900	No	No
40%	25,560	2,130	12.29	639	80,182	85,300	No	No
50%	31,950	2,663	15.36	799	100,298	106,700	No	No
<b>HUD 50%</b>	31,950	2,663	15.36	799	100,298	106,700	No	No
60%	38,340	3,195	18.43	959	120,320	128,000	No	No
70%	44,730	3,728	21.50	1,118	140,342	149,300	No	No
80%	51,120	4,260	24.58	1,278	160,364	170,600	No	No
<b>HUD 80%</b>	51,100	4,258	24.57	1,278	160,364	170,600	No	No
90%	57,510	4,793	27.65	1,438	180,480	192,000	No	No
<b>100%</b>	63,900	5,325	30.72	1,598	200,596	213,400	No	No
110%	70,290	5,858	33.79	1,757	220,524	234,600	No	No
<b>117%</b>	74,870	6,239	36.00	1,872	235,000	250,000	Yes	No
<b>120%</b>	76,680	6,390	36.87	1,917	240,640	256,000	Yes	No
130%	83,070	6,923	39.94	2,077	260,662	277,300	Yes	No
<b>131%</b>	83,900	6,992	40.34	2,098	263,280	280,085	Yes	Yes
140%	89,460	7,455	43.01	2,237	280,778	298,700	Yes	Yes
150%	95,850	7,988	46.08	2,396	300,706	319,900	Yes	Yes
160%	102,240	8,520	49.15	2,556	320,822	341,300	Yes	Yes

\*HUD Income levels based upon Clark County Median Family Income = \$63,900 \*\*Assumes Maximum Mortgage Payment may not exceed 30% of income \*\*\*Mortgage Rate is based on 6.5% FHA 30-year mortgage rate accounting for principal, interest, taxes, and insurance; assumes 3% Down payment, 3% Closing Cost, no debt, and good credit.

Attachment 2B - Consolidated Plan Table 26 (updated): Renter Housing Affordability Percent MFI	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Hourly Wage	30% of Monthly Gross Income (Maximum Affordable Rent Payment)	Can Afford Studio? Market Rate = \$570	Can Afford One-Bedroom Unit? Market Rate = \$760	Can Afford Two- Bedroom Unit? Market Rate = \$852	Can Afford Three- Bedroom Unit? Market Rate = \$1,050
10%	6,390	533	3.07	160	No	No	No	No
20%	12,780	1,065	6.14	320	No	No	No	No
30%	19,170	1,598	9.22	479	No	No	No	No
<b>HUD 30%</b>	19,150	1,596	9.21	479	No	No	No	No
40%	25,560	2,130	12.29	639	Yes	No	No	No
50%	31,950	2,663	15.36	799	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>HUD 50%</b>	31,950	2,663	15.36	799	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>HUD 60%</b>	38,340	3,195	18.43	959	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
70%	44,730	3,728	21.50	1,118	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
80%	51,120	4,260	24.58	1,278	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>HUD 80%</b>	51,100	4,258	24.57	1,278	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
90%	57,510	4,793	27.65	1,438	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>100%</b>	63,900	5,325	30.72	1,598	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
110%	70,290	5,858	33.79	1,757	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
120%	76,680	6,390	36.87	1,917	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Source: NHD Apartment Guide.